

CASTRO'S BOMBARDMENT OF PUERTO CABELLO

No Objection Will Be Raised by This Government to Threatened Storming of Forts.

THE BLOCKADE OF THE PORT RAISED

Commander Hemphill Will Do No More Than Furnish Protection to the American and German Interests Unless There Be A Violation of International Law.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

If General Castro observes the usual requirements of international law, no objection will be made by the American representatives to the bombardment of the Venezuelan port of Puerto Cabello.

Authorities here are considerably puzzled over the situation in Venezuela. When General Castro was leading the insurgent forces toward Caracas, his troops occupied Puerto Cabello, but evacuated it and when President Andrade fled from the capital his men holding the forts at Puerto Cabello declined to surrender and a blockade of the port was announced. This blockade was subsequently raised, according to advices received by the state department.

Who is holding the port is a question. General Davis, governor general of Puerto Rico, has wired that President Andrade has arrived at San Juan and is being closely watched to prevent the organization of an expedition designed to reinstate him in his native country. General Hernandez is opposing General Castro and it may be that his friends are in force at Puerto Cabello.

Minister Loomis advised the state department several days ago that Gen-

eral Castro is making preparations to reduce Puerto Cabello, but the report after this announced the surrender of a force there.

It is understood that in case of bombardment Commander Hemphill, commanding the Detroit, now at La Guayra will be ordered to Puerto Cabello and give such protection as is proper to American and German interests, which he has in charge.

It is not likely that Commander Hemphill will do more than protect the consulates and the citizens and subjects of the two nations from injury, in view of the action of the navy department in calling attention to the propriety of his action in declaring that he would fire upon Andrade's troops occupying the fort commanding Puerto Cabello if they fired on the town when it was occupied by the forces of Castro.

Commander Hemphill's action was plucky and his communication to the German and American consular officers respecting the extent to which he would go in protecting American and German interests indicated an intention to give them adequate protection, but the department held he had gone too far and sent him a letter which will probably cause him to refrain from interfering with Castro's course unless there should be a violation of international law.

sympathetic effect of demoralization in one or two speculative footfalls of the stock market have undermined prices. After a period of resistance to the reaction on Monday and early on Wednesday, there followed a general liquidation movement of speculative holdings and a sharp break of prices throughout the list. The average level of prices for the week is materially lower and the Wall street mood is pessimistic in view of the absence of any prospect for the local money market.

CHURCHES AND JAPAN.

The Former Wish to Teach Religion in the Land of the Mikado.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Representatives of the mission societies of the Congregational, Methodist, Episcopal, Reformed, Presbyterian and Baptist churches, met in this city to consider the recent action of the Japanese government which prohibits religious teaching in the schools of Japan. Secretary Cobb, of the Reformed church, presided.

It was stated at the meeting that the Japanese government must either recede from its position or the missionary boards of America and Europe must abandon their educational work in that country. Action was taken especially in behalf of those private schools in Japan which are dependent on governmental support for their success.

The belief was expressed that when the Japanese government is petitioned by all the missionary societies in the union, that the schools founded on private funds will be permitted to conduct religious ceremonies. The present condition was pronounced by all as critical.

EMPLOYERS STRIKE.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—Sheet metal workers to the number of 300 will be locked out at noon today by the members of the Sheet Metal Manufacturers Association. Many of the firms have already notified their men that they need not return to work Monday and it is said that other firms will serve the lock out notice on their employees today.

FREIGHT RATES TO THE PACIFIC COAST

DELEGATION IS IN ST. LOUIS

Inter-state Commerce Commission Will Pass Upon Middle West Jobbers' Claims.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 11.—The Pacific coast delegation to attend the session of the interstate commerce commission here on Monday have arrived. It is composed of railroad officials, attorneys and business men from San Francisco and other coast cities.

Those now here are J. C. Stubbs, vice president of the Southern Pacific; William Herrin, general counsel of the road; F. S. Pillsbury, William Sproule, Wakefield Baker, Charles F. Tay and W. C. Martin, all of San Francisco, and Jacob Branch of Los Angeles.

The meeting of the interstate commerce commission is to be held for the purpose of considering questions involved in a complaint filed with the commission against the Southern Pacific railroad alleging violation of interstate commerce laws by making traffic rate from Atlantic seaports, via New Orleans and other gulf ports to the Pacific coast so low that it is impossible for other and more direct transcontinental lines to compete with it except at a loss.

PROPHET CROKER.

He Wishes to Set Aside the Money Issue.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Richard Croker declares that, in his opinion, anti-imperialism will be the chief plank in the democratic platform of 1900, that a declaration against trusts will be second in importance and that the money question will be forced into the background. He made these statements in reply to questions submitted to him by the Herald.

First he was asked what effect the recent elections would have on Bryan's chances for renomination next year.

"I do not care to answer that question now," he replied, "It is too early to talk of candidates. Mr. Bryan, as I have said, is a splendid representa-



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tive of the plain people and stands for their welfare, but as to him or anybody else as a candidate, it would be foolish to talk so far ahead of the convention.

Next Mr. Croker was asked what he thought the battle cry of the democratic party would be next year.

"Anti-imperialism will be, heard plainer than all others," he answered. "It will be the biggest issue and the most help to the party. After it, I believe, will come opposition to trusts, which are becoming more numerous and more dangerous every day the republican party remains in power."

"These issues, I think, will go ahead of the money question. I don't believe the party will consent again to be absolutely committed to the ratio of 16 to 1."

"I do believe that the majority of the people are in favor of bimetalism and are content to go no further than that in the declaration to be made in a party platform."

"Congress is the body to settle the currency question and it is my opinion that the best thing to be done is to declare for bimetalism at a just ratio and leave it to congress to settle what the ratio shall be. A democratic congress can be depended upon to do the proper thing."

DEFECTS OF THE LEBEL RIFLE.
London Letter to the Birmingham Post.

The Lebel rifle, I am told, is the cause of much anxiety among the French military experts. It now transpires that the latest edition of this weapon, though possessing undeniable advantages over its predecessors, jams, and that then it is simply innocuous. A committee of experts has considered the matter, and it is said that the alterations which they design in the rifle will slightly reduce the capacity of the magazine. The alterations, indeed, are so momentous that when the rifle emerges from the hands of the experts it will be practically another edition; and it would be little surprise to find the French soldiers beginning to lose faith in the service weapons.

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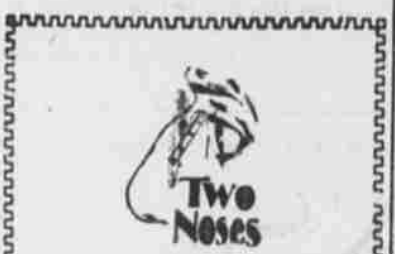
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THE MEANING OF EMPEROR'S VISIT

HIS ACCESS TO POPULARITY

Will Be Treated as a Useful and Opportune Ally and Friend.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

No pains will be spared by loyalty to impress the English people with the fact that the German emperor, when he arrives on Monday week at Portsmouth, comes as an ally whose moral support and hearty sympathy are of utmost value. He will be welcomed by the thunders of a fleet and the greetings of members of the royal family and during his stay at Windsor there will be unique functions of exceptional interest.

The importance of this visit increases every day with the evident desire of the royal family to emphasize it. The emperor will be entertained at Sandringham and Chatsworth, and Count Von Buelow will accompany him to England with a military retinue and a full naval band, according to a Berlin rumor.

One of the chief functions of English loyalty is to set the style in national policy, German fashion, and diplomacy will now have the high authority of the court and royal family, and the masses and classes are expected to take their cue and transform the emperor, not perhaps into an heroic sovereign like either his father or his grandfather, but certainly into a useful and opportune ally and friend.

The various little arrangements ordered in the South sea and in East and West Africa do not explain the emperor's sudden access of importance and popularity. Diplomatic transactions of the first magnitude are denoted by a reception approaching that ordered for Napoleon III during the Crimean period.

It is not improbable that the emperor will be received with municipal addresses of welcome at Portsmouth and that he will have the distinction of being entertained at the Mansion house and Guild hall. The queen returning to Windsor and Balmoral will receive Lord Salisbury after today's cabinet

meeting and arrangements for the emperor's English triumphal progress will be completed.

Conyngham Greene, former British resident at Pretoria, makes no attempt to conceal his opinion that President Kruger is less at fault for the catastrophe of war than President Steyn and Secretary Reitz. He relates details of his last meeting with President Kruger and conveys the distinct impression that the Boer president, while forced by his colleagues to fight was under no illusion respecting the ultimate issue of the war with so formidable adversary as England.

By a singular coincidence both Steyn and Reitz, while Dutchmen by birth, were called to the English bar and are technically entitled to practice as barristers. It is not likely that either will ever look for clients in London.

WILL KEEP HIS SEAT.

Congressman Smith, of Maryland, Will Not Resign Until Inaugurated Governor.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 11.—A precedent having been established in the case of Governor Hill, who for a short time held a seat in the United States senate, as to the governorship, John Walter Smith, the newly elected democratic governor of Maryland will, it is said, keep his seat in congress until his inauguration as governor, the second Monday in January next.

He was elected to congress from the First district last November. Mr. Smith, as a representative of the tide-water section of Maryland, is deeply interested in the river and harbor bill and he also wants his opinion on the democratic presidential nomination to become known. He is a sound money democrat.

The governor must decide when a special election for congressman shall be held in the district. The probable democratic candidates for the nomination are ex-Governor Elihu Jackson, ex-Congressman Joshua W. Miles, State Senator William F. Applegarth and ex-State Senator Thos. A. Smith.

WALL STREET PESSIMISTIC.

The Average Level of Prices for the Week Materially Lower.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Disappointment over the failure of the outside public to come into the stock market after the elections, the renewed stringency in the money market with the calling of loans by the banks and the